

(a) The name and address of the applicant;

(b) A statement of the applicant's qualifications and holdings. (See subpart 3502); and

(c) A complete and accurate land description in compliance with subpart 3501 of this title. The application shall not include more than 2,560 acres in a reasonably compact form.

**§3512.3-3 Exploration plans.**

After an initial review and clearance of the application, but prior to the issuance of the prospecting permit, the authorized officer shall require the applicant to file an exploration plan in triplicate, reasonably designed to determine the existence or workability of the deposit. The exploration plan shall, insofar as possible, include the following:

(a) The names, addresses and telephone numbers of persons responsible for operations under the plan and to whom notices and orders are to be delivered;

(b) A brief description, including maps, of geologic, water, vegetation and other physical factors, and the distribution, abundance and habitat of fish and wildlife, particularly threatened and endangered species, that may be affected by the proposed operation within the area where exploration is to be conducted, and the present land use within and adjacent to the area;

(c) A narrative description showing:

(1) The method of exploration and types of equipment to be used;

(2) The measures to be taken to prevent or control fire, soil erosion, pollution of surface and ground water, pollution of air, damage to fish and wildlife or their habitat and other natural resources and hazards to public health and safety, including specific actions necessary to meet all applicable laws and regulations;

(3) The method for plugging drill holes; and

(4) The measures to be taken for surface reclamation, which shall include as appropriate:

(i) A reclamation schedule;

(ii) The method of grading, backfilling, soil stabilization, compacting and contouring;

(iii) The method of soil preparation and fertilizer application;

(iv) The type and mixture of shrubs, trees, grasses, forbs or other vegetation to be planted; and

(v) The method of planting, including approximate quantity and spacing.

(d) The estimated timetable for each phase of the work and for final completion of the program;

(e) Suitable topographic maps or aerial photographs showing existing bodies of surface water, topographic, cultural and drainage features, and the proposed location of drill holes, trenches and roads; and

(f) Such other data as may be required by the authorized officer.

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**§3512.3-4 Rejection of application.**

An application for a prospecting permit which does not comply with the requirements of this subpart shall be rejected. If the applicant files a new application for the same lands within 30 days of receipt of the rejection, the nonrefundable filing fee and rental payment submitted with the original application shall be applied to the new application, provided the serial number of the original application is shown on the new application. If a new application is not filed within the 30-day period, the advance rental shall be refunded. Priority for the permit shall be established as of the date the corrected application is filed.

**§3512.4 Determination of priorities.**

**§3512.4-1 Regular filings.**

Priority of application shall be determined in accordance with the time of filing.

**§3512.4-2 Simultaneous filings.**

Where more than 1 application is filed at the same time for the same lands, priority shall be determined in accordance with §1821.2-3 of this title.

**§3512.5 Amendment to application.**

An amendment to an application for a prospecting permit to include additional lands shall receive priority for such additional lands from the date of the filing of the amended application.